

OPINION 684

ELEVEN DUBIOUS SPECIFIC NAMES OF BIRDS: SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

- (a) *cothurnix* Scopoli, 1786, as published in the binomen *Oriolus cothurnix*;
 - (b) *Novae Guineae* Gmelin, [1789], as published in the binomen *Tetrao Novae Guineae*;
 - (c) *Novae Guineae* Latham, 1790, as published in the binomen *Perdix Novae Guineae*;
 - (d) *brazieri* Selater, 1869, as published in the binomen *Megapodius brazieri*;
 - (e) *rufulus* Vieillot, 1817, as published in the binomen *Cuculus rufulus*;
 - (f) *tyrannulus* De Vis, 1905, as published in the binomen *Sericornis tyrannulus*;
 - (g) *montana* De Vis, 1897, as published in the binomen *Crateroscelis montana*;
 - (h) *tessacourbe* Scopoli, 1786, as published in the binomen *Muscicapa tessacourbe*;
 - (i) *luzoniensis* Gmelin, [1789], as published in the binomen *Muscicapa luzoniensis*;
 - (j) *merula* Lesson, 1828, as published in the binomen *Saxicola merula*;
 - (k) *schistacea* De Vis, 1897, as published in the binomen *Meliornis schistacea*.
- (2) The following specific names, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *cothurnix* Scopoli, 1786, as published in the binomen *Oriolus cothurnix* (Name No. 769);
- (b) *Novae Guineae* Gmelin, [1789], as published in the binomen *Tetrao Novae Guineae* (Name No. 770);
- (c) *Novae Guineae* Latham, 1790 as published in the binomen *Perdix Novae Guineae* (Name No. 771);
- (d) *brazieri* Selater, 1869, as published in the binomen *Megapodius brazieri* (Name No. 772);
- (e) *rufulus* Vieillot, 1817, as published in the binomen *Cuculus rufulus* (Name No. 773);
- (f) *tyrannulus* De Vis, 1905, as published in the binomen *Sericornis tyrannulus* (Name No. 774);
- (g) *montana* De Vis, 1897, as published in the binomen *Crateroscelis montana* (Name No. 775);
- (h) *tessacourbe* Scopoli, 1786, as published in the binomen *Muscicapa tessacourbe* (Name No. 776);
- (i) *luzoniensis* Gmelin, [1789], as published in the binomen *Muscicapa luzoniensis* (Name No. 777);

- (j) *merula* Lesson, 1828, as published in the binomen *Saxicola merula* (Name No. 778);
(k) *schistacea* De Vis, 1897, as published in the binomen *Meliornis schistacea* (Name No. 779).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1033)

The present case was first submitted to the Commission by Professor Ernst Mayr, in March 1956. In August 1961 a revised application, was sent to the printer and was published on 2 February 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 23-26. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51-56) and to twelve ornithological serials. No objection was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 18 January 1963 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (63)3 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 23-26. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 18 April 1963, the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-four (24), received in the following order: China, Hering, Holthuis, Bonnet, Vokes, Obruchev, Key, Riley, Mayr, Uchida, Lemche, Alvarado, Jaczewski, Bradley, Stoll, do Amaral, Hemming, Binder, Brinck, Boschma, Tortonese, Mertens, Kühnelt, Evans.

Negative votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Prantl.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Munroe.

Commissioners Borchsenius and Miller returned late affirmative votes.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official Index of Specific Names by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

- brazieri*, *Megapodius*, Selater, 1869, *Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.* **1869** : 529
cothurnix, *Oriolus*, Scopoli, 1786, *Delic. Flor. Faun. insubr.* **1** : 87, sp. 33
luzoniensis, *Muscicapa*, Gmelin, [1789], *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 13) **1**(2) : 942
merula, *Saxicola*, Lesson, 1828, *Voy. Coquille*, Zool., **1**(2) : 622
montana, *Crateroscelis*, De Vis, 1897, *Ibis* : 387
Novae Guineae, *Perdix*, Latham, 1790, *Ind. Orn.* **II** : 655, no. 39
Novae Guineae, *Tetrao*, Gmelin, [1789], *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 13) **1**(2) : 746 (bis)
rufulus, *Cuculus*, Vieillot, 1817, *Nouv. Dict. Hist. nat.* (nouv. éd.) **8** : 234
schistacea, *Meliornis*, De Vis, 1897, *Ibis* : 381
tessacourbe, *Muscicapa*, Scopoli, 1786, *Delic. Flor. Faun. insubr.* **2** : 95
tyrannulus, *Sericornis*, De Vis, 1905, *Ann. Queensl. Mus.*, No. 6 : 42

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (63)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 684.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

24 April 1963